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1. A project is under way to make the Vltava river completely navigable. To do this a number of dams are being constructed from Prague to Ceske Budejovice:
  - a. At Trebenice, near Slapy, a dam 57 meters high is being built. It is to be completed in 1954. Three turbines using 100 cubic meters of water per second will be used in the adjacent power plant. The turbines are being supplied by CKD, Blansko. One turbine has already been installed. Most of the concrete vibrating units used in the construction are imported from Germany or Switzerland because those produced in Czechoslovakia have poor ball bearings. The scrapers being used are produced by CKD Sokolovo. Seven hundred workers, including "brigades" formed primarily by students, former lawyers, etc., are at work in three shifts. The dam has reached a height of about 30 meters.
  - b. A dam at Orlik is planned, but construction has not yet begun.
  - c. At Lipno, work was started on a dam in 1950. This dam will be the last of the Vltava chain. It will be 35 meters high. Turbines are to be supplied by CKD Blansko.
2. The Orava River in Slovakia is being dammed near Ustie nad Oravou. The dam is to be 50 meters in height. Turbines for this project are being made by CKD Sokolovo.
3. A 40 meter dam is being built on the Svratka River at Vir (near Bystrice nad Pernstynem). Six hundred workers are engaged in the construction. The dam will supply electric energy and serve as a water reservoir for the arid local region.

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